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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 10

1. SUN (PAGE 6) HEADLINE "MOSCOW LAYS 35 PER CENT DROP IN U.S. TRADE TO CONGRESS" BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATELINED MOSCOW, REFERS TO PATOLICHEV ARTICLE IN PRAVDA AND STATES THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTE THE SHARP (35 PER CENT) DECLINE IN TRADE WITH THE U.S. TO AMERICAN POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS, LIMITING CREDITS FOR SOVIET PURCHASES OF AMERICAN GOODS AND CONTINUING HIGH U.S. TARIFFS ON MOSCOW'S SALES. (NYT HAS SIMILAR ARTICLE.)

2. WP (PAGE 7) HEADLINE "KOSYGIN HITS SAIGON, BUT NOT U.S." BY PETER OSNOS, DATELINED MOSCOW, REPORTS THAT PREMIER KOSYGIN SAID AT A DINNER FOR YUGOSLAV PREMIER BIJEDIC THAT THE SUCCESSES OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM "ARE AN INEVITABLE RESULT OF THE STRUGGLE OF EVERYTHING NEW AND PROGRESSIVE IN THE WORLD AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REACTIONARY." HE DID NOT EVEN MENTION U.S. CONFINED

CRITICISM TO SAIGON GOVERNMENT, CHARGING GROSS VIOLATIONS
OF PARIS CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT EVER SINCE 1973 SIGNING.

OSNOS STATED THAT SOVIET SOURCES HAVE BEEN SAYING
KREMLIN DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF OVER-
EXPLOITING AMERICAN SETBACKS IN INDOCHINA OUT OF
DEFERENCE TO ITS OWN STATED POLICY OF SEEKING BETTER
RELATIONS WITH U.S. (BRIEF REPORT IN NYT - PAGE 20 -
SAYS KOSYGIN HITS SAIGON REFUGEE POLICY; DOES NOT
MENTION AMERICAN AIRLIFT OF CHILDREN.)

3. WP (PAGE 16) REUTERS ITEM "SOVIETS ALLEGED TO 'DRAFT'
LABOR," DATED LONDON, CITES ARTICLE IN DAILY TELE-
GRAPH THAT THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ARE BEING "DRAFTED"
FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO WORK ON MAJOR
CONSTRUCTION SITES IN SOVIET UNION. NO DETAILS GIVEN
OF HOW ALLEGED DRAFTING CARRIED OUT OR HOW MUCH PRESSURE
USED. MASSIVE TRANSFER OF MANPOWER BEING CARRIED OUT
TO EASE SEVERE LABOR SHORTAGE IN SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING
TO ARTICLE. KISSINGER

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